

BYLAWS SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR SAFE SCHOOLS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Center for Safe Schools (SCCSS) Youth Advisory Board.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Youth Advisory Board will serve as a resource for policy/program developers as it relates to youth in the state of South Carolina.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.** The members of the Youth Advisory Board shall be composed of no more than twenty (20) members from each region of the state to ensure diversity of the school community. The four (4) regions include the Midlands, Pee Dee, Upstate, and the Low Country.
- Section 2.** Members must be enrolled in the seventh through twelfth grade. Former board members that attend college may serve as ex officio members of the Board.
- Section 3.** Candidates for membership shall apply through their school officials. The Youth Advisory Board shall review applications and candidates for membership and shall attend the last meeting of the year preceding the next school year.
- Section 4.** Members of the Board shall attend a minimum of two (2) meetings per year. After two (2) absences, the Board shall determine whether the member shall remain on the Board.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1.** The Officers of the Youth Advisory Board shall be three (3) Cochairs, and a Secretary.
- Section 2.** The term of office shall be one (1) year. An officer may serve only two (2) terms.
- Section 3.** The Cochairs shall preside and set the agenda for the meetings.
- Section 4.** The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes and answering correspondence for the Board.
- Section 5.** Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the last meeting of the year.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- Section 1.** There shall be three (3) meetings per year and a retreat.
- Section 2.** A quorum shall be a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** The Committees of the Board shall be Planning and Public Relations.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.
- Section 2.** Amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the Cochairs thirty (30) days prior to a meeting. The Cochairs shall distribute the proposed amendment to the Board fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority for the Youth Advisory Board shall be Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition, Newly Revised.